BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

- Participation in a variety of internships.
- Acquire competitive and marketable job skills.
- Increased confidence, independence, and self esteem
- Obtain on-site and individualized instruction, support, and accommodations
- Individualized job development and placement into competitive employment

OUR PARTNERS

Escambia County School District
Santa Rosa County School District
Baptist Hospital
Gulf Breeze Hospital
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Vocational Rehabilitation Agency for Persons with Disabilities

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WHAT IS PROJECT SEARCH?

Project SEARCH is a high school transition program for young adults with disabilities. It is a nine month internship program that follows the academic calendar. It is targeted to young adults whose goal is competitive employment.

The program takes place in a business setting. Total immersion in the workplace assists in the instruction and learning process. Interns receive continuous feedback, gaining employability and competitive work skills. Each site has a certified instructor and employment consultant to work with the interns and the business.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Students are referred to the program through their school district.
- The student and family complete and submit the application by a predetermined deadline.
- Students participate in an interview assessment day in early spring.
- Student selection is carried out by members of the Project SEARCH steering committee by using a formalized scoring rubric developed by Project SEARCH.
- Acceptance letters are sent to students.

SKILLS TRAINING TOPICS

- Resume writing
- Interviewing skills
- Job search skills
- Workplace safety
- Technology
- Health & Wellness
- Social and communication skills
- Presentation skills
- Money management
- Team building
- Self Advocacy

PROJECT SEARCH ELIGIBILITY:

- Are 18 – 21 years of age.
- Have completed high school credits necessary for graduation.
- Agree that this will be the last year of student services through the school district.
- Have an active case with Vocational Rehabilitation.
- Have independent personal hygiene and grooming skills.
- Have independent daily living skills.
- Maintain appropriate behavior and social skills in the workplace.
- Take direction from supervisors to change behavior.
- Have the ability to communicate effectively.
- Utilize public transportation when available and participate in travel training.
- Have previous experience in a work environment (including school, volunteer and paid work).
- Are able to pass drug screen, background check, and have up-to-date immunizations.
- Desire and plan to work competitively in the community at the conclusion of the Project SEARCH program.